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SUBJECT: CANADA TO PHASE OUT AID TO JAMAICA?

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1. LOCAL PRESS HAS PICKED UP SUNDAY (SEPT 7) STORY IN NEW YORK TIMES CONCERNING CHANGES IN NEW CANADIAN AID PROGRAM. ACCORDING DAILY GLEANER, JAMAICA IS ONE OF THIRTY COUNTRIES WHOSE AID WILL BE ELIMINATED WHEN THEIR CURRENT ALLOTMENTS ARE USED UP. REASON BEHIND MOVE IS GOC DECISION TO CONCENTRATE ON ASSISTANCE TO POOREST COUNTRIES.

2. COMMENT: ECONOFF TELEPHONED SOURCE AT CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION WHO CONFIRMED STORY IN GENERAL ALTHOUGH HE SAID THEY HAD NOT SEEN ANY COUNTRY SPECIFICS. HE SAID NEW CIDA DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR 1975-1980 RESULT OF "A LOT OF SOUL SEARCHING" IN OTTAWA AND DECISION HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEEN MADE TO CONCENTRATE ON AID TO LDCS (LEAST DEVELOPED

COUNTRIES). FROM STANDPOINT OF NEW MEASURES TO QUALIFY
FOR ASSISTANCE (ONE IS PER CAPITA GNP) COUNTRIES LIKE
JAMAICA AND TRIIDAD WERE REALLY MDCS (MEDIUM DEVELOPED).
HOWEVER, GOC WAS CERTAINLY "NOT GOING TO PULL UP STAKES"
IN JAMAICA, BUT AT SAME TIME HE DID NOT EXPECT MANY NEW
PROGRAMS TO BE ANNOUNCED. NOTE: REFTEL INDICATES PHASE
OUT OF SOME AID PROGRAMS BEING CONSIDERED AT TIME NEW
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT SIGNED. GERARD

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